



2013 TURFGRASS FORUM

*A Free Informational Discussion & Round Table
for MGA Member Clubs and Members*

• **Speakers:**

- **Dr. Brian Horgan,**
University of Minnesota Turf Extension Specialist
- **Mr. Robert Vavrek,**
USGA Senior Agronomist, North Central Region
- **Mr. John Spitzer,**
USGA Managing Director of Equipment Standards

• **Topics will include:**

**THE LATEST ISSUES FACING GOLF COURSE
TURFGRASS**

**CURRENT EQUIPMENT STANDARDS AND HOW
THEY CAN AFFECT YOUR GOLF COURSE**

• **Tuesday, April 30**

8:00 a.m.....Registration (*coffee & rolls*)

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.Presentations & Discussion

at Mendakota Country Club

2075 Mendakota Dr, Mendota Heights, MN 55120

- **This meeting is for:** Course Owners, General Managers, Golf Professionals, Golf Course Superintendents, Club Presidents, Greens Chairs and any other MGA Members.

• **There will be no fee for this forum.**

• **PGA MSR credits available.**

• **For Reservations:**

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Please provide your name and golf course affiliation.

• **REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**



Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak, CGCS

A calendar year can be divided up into many different

seasons. There are the four seasons, of course: winter, spring, summer and fall, that divide the calendar into equal quarters and generally usher in a change in weather patterns depending on your location.

Then there are weather related seasons. In some places, rain is so prevalent or sparse that certain times of the year are referred to as “the rainy” season or “the dry” season. Man-made seasons are also a way of providing benchmarks throughout the calendar. Christmas, Hannukka, et al are referred to as the Holiday Season. There’s the Easter season. If you are into sports, there are all kinds of seasons for you, the most important of which is football season. To me, there are really only two seasons- football season, and not football season. All the other sports seasons are distractions until and during football season.

The golf season is, of course, of paramount interest to almost all who are reading this column.

It is a catch-all season that sums up our livelihood. Within the golf season is the busy season, which parallels the growing season. These two seasons of heavy play and heavy growth are the backbone of golf season. There’s the off-season, when the snow shuts down the course and a deep sigh of relief is drawn into the lungs, followed by the seminar season, which is getting started just after the holiday season. The seminar season lasts until the golf season starts, which is great unless the spring season decides the winter season has not had its due. That is precisely where we are at right now, and I have a new name for it. I am going to call it the pothole season.

I was reminded that the pothole season was fully underway when my vehicle almost disappeared from the road the other day on my drive to work. A giant pothole, formed from weeks of melting and re-freezing precipitation, engulfed my mini-van and spit it out the other side with tires wobbling and wipers blazing. For a moment, I thought the Chinese language classes I was taking were really going to pay off. Where did this demon hole come from? It was not there the other day. Pothole season is officially in full bloom.